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Italy Is Said to Investigate 8 in a 1981 Plot to Kill

Walesa in Rome

ROME, March 3 (AP) — Eight people, four of them Bulgarians, have reportedly been informed officially that they are under investigation for possible links to a purported plot to kill Lech Walesa, the Polish labor leader, during his trip to Rome in January 1981.

The notification, Italian news agencies said on Wednesday, came in "judicial letters," the first step in a criminal proceeding in Italy. The letters tell a suspect that he is being investigated, but do not represent a formal charge.

The suspects are said to include Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish gunman who is serving a life sentence here for shooting and wounding Pope John Paul II on

May 13, 1981.

The news agencies Ansa and AGI said Mr. Agca had told Italian investigators that there had been a plot to place a bomb under a car Mr. Walesa was riding in during his visit to Rome. The Turkish gunman was also in Rome at the time.

Two of the Bulgarians reportedly involved have also been accused of complicity in the plot to kill the Pope. They are Sergei Antonov, the Rome station chief of the Bulgarian state airline, who is under arrest here, and Todor Alvazov, who was an employee of the Bulgarian Embassy.

Mr. Alvazov and the two other Bul-

garians under Italian investigation are currently in Bulgaria. The others were identified as Ivan Donchev, another embassy employee, and Ivanov Kolev. No information was given on him.

Also under investigation, according to Ansa, are two Italian labor leaders, Luigi Scricciolo and Salvatore Scordo, and Bona Pozzoli, who is the press secretary of Labor Minister Vincenzo Scotti, a Christian Democrat.

Mr. Scricciolo and Mr. Scordo are former members of the Socialist-led labor federation, which helped arrange Mr. Walesa's visit to Rome. Mr. Scricciolo is in jail on charges of espionage and terrorism. He is suspected of working for Bulgarian spies and of attempting to establish ties between Bulgarians in Rome and the Red Brigades during the kidnapping of Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier by the Italian leftist terrorist group in December 1981.